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PATENT APPLICATION

Our File No. 20020298.ORI

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re App : Jay D. Nord, et al.

For : Method and Apparatus for Disposing of Liquid  
Surgical Waste for Protection of Healthcare Workers

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of this continuing National stage application under 35 U.S.C. §371 based on PCT Application No. PCT/US2003/025018, it is requested that the following amendment be entered: